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ANNUAL REPORTS

of the Town Officers

of

Mason, N. H.

*For the year
ending January 31*

1927



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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Selectmen and Treasurer

of the

Town of Mason

together with the reports of

Road Agents, School Board and Other
Officers of the Town and
School District

for the

Financial Year Ending January 31, 1927

Also

VITAL STATISTICS

For the Year Ending
December 31

1926

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

JOHN T. SMITH

Clerk and Treasurer

FRANK B. FARWELL

Selectmen

EDGAR S. KENNEDY, term expires

ELLERY F. REED, 1 year

STANLEY A. FLAGG, 2 years

Tax Collector

ALBERT B. EATON

Auditor

JOHN T. SMITH

Highway Agents

FRED L. BROWN

HAROLD MILLER

CHARLES L. BARNES

Supervisors

JAMES O. REED

SAMUEL H. DAVIS

Health Officer

EDGAR S. KENNEDY

Library Trustees

MYRTIE B. ADAMS

HARRIET E. WHITAKER

ALICE S. BERRY

Trustees of the Boynton School Fund

ALEXANDER McLEAN

TRACY A. EATON

EVERETT H. WHITAKER

JAMES O. REED

Trustees of the Stearns Common School Bequest

ALBERT B. EATON JOHN T. SMITH
JAMES O. REED

Trustees of Cemeteries

FRANK B. FARWELL ALBERT B. EATON
STANLEY A. FLAGG

School District Treasurer

ROSE S. EATON

School District Clerk

JOHN T. SMITH

Ballot Clerks

SAMUEL H. DAVIS GUY F. WASHBURN
ERNEST E. BARNES

Constable

STANLEY A. FLAGG

Police

JAMES W. WHARFF ROBERT S. GAILEY

Librarian

DORIS M. FLAGG

Fire Wardens

EDGAR S. KENNEDY STANLEY A. FLAGG
JOHN T. SMITH JAMES O. REED
FRED L. BROWN

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

FRANK B. FARWELL

Janitor

JAMES W. WHARFF

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Mason in the County of
Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town*

Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Mason on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next, at 10 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.
3. To choose one Trustee of the Boynton Common School Fund.
4. To choose one Trustee of the Stearns Common School Bequest.
5. To choose one Trustee of Cemeteries for three years.
6. To choose one Trustee for Mason Free Library.
7. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for Library purposes.

8. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for repairs of Highways and bridges.

9. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for care of Cemeteries.

10. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of the State Law necessary to receive the benefit of the State Aid for permanent improvement of Highways.

11. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Memorial purposes.

12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Old Home Day Celebration.

13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money necessary to comply with the State in control of the white pine blister.

14. To see if the town will raise a sum of money for a Fire Escape at the Town House and appropriate the same.

15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to have the Highways scraped in winter.

16. To see if the town will accept the provisions of the Worcester Tech to provide a suitable marker for John Boynton and assist with erection of the same.

17. To see if the town will vote to make any discount on taxes if paid on or before June 1, 1927.

Given under our hands and seal, this nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-seven.

EDGAR S. KENNEDY
STANLEY A. FLAGG
ELLERY F. REED

Selectmen of Mason

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

EDGAR S. KENNEDY,
STANLEY A. FLAGG,
ELLERY F. REED,

Selectmen of Mason.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF
ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR,
AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual revenue previous year 1926-27	Estimated revenue ensuing year 1927-28	In- crease	De- crease
FROM STATE:				
Railroad Tax.....	\$297.38			
Savings Bank Tax.....	147.68			
For Highways:				
(a) For State Aid Maintenance....	\$745.16	\$1,200.00	\$454.84	
Special Maintenance Class 5.....	1,748.85	1,749.00	.15	
Interest and Dividend Tax.....	150.63	150.63		
Bounties.....	65.20	70.00	4.80	
FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:				
Rent of Town Hall and other Buildings	55.00	55.00		
Auto permits.....	166.01	150.00		6.01
Tax sale.....	76.26			76.26
FROM POLL TAXES:				
From other taxes except property taxes	204.00	250.00	46.00	
REVENUE APPLICABLE ONLY TO NEW CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS:				
From State:				
(a) For State Aid Highway Con- struction.....	447.06	460.00	12.94	
AMOUNT RAISED BY ISSUE OF BONDS OR NOTES				
Note at Bank.....	1,300.00			1,300.00
REVENUE WHICH MUST BE PAID TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DI- VISIONS:				
Boynton Fund.....	556.25	556.25		
Stearns Common School Bequest.....	429.66	500.00	70.34	
Dog license.....	109.25	109.25		
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROP- ERTY TAXES.....	\$6,058.76	\$5,250.13	\$589.07	\$1,382.77
Amount Raised by Property Taxes.....	8,716.44	7,648.87		
TOTAL REVENUE.....	\$14,775.20	\$12,899.00		

MASON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

JANUARY 31, 1927 TO JANUARY 31, 1928, COMPARED WITH ACTUAL REVENUE
JANUARY 31, 1926 TO JANUARY 31, 1927

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES.	Actual expenditures previous year 1926-27	Estimated expenditures ensuing year 1927-28	In- crease	De- crease
CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPEN- SES:				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:				
Town Officers' Salaries	\$731.90	\$600.00		\$131.90
Town Officers' Expenses	212.01	200.00		12.01
Election and Registration Expenses	74.60	20.00		54.40
Expenses of Department	265.57	200.00		65.57
Care and Supplies for Town Hall	1,054.57	150.00		904.57
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:				
Police Department	14.00	14.00		
Fire Department	16.20	50.00	34.80	
Bounties	2.20	70.00	67.80	
HEALTH:				
Health Department	10.00	10.00		
Vital Statistics	2.15	2.50	.35	
Highway and Bridges:				
State Aid Maintenance:				
State's Contribution	745.16	1,200.00	454.84	
Town's Contribution	429.79	600.00	170.21	
Winter Roads	608.74	500.00		108.74
General Expense of Highway De- partment	3,667.63	3,670.00	2.37	
Education:				
Libraries	45.00	45.00		
Charities:				
Town Poor	24.23	25.00	.77	
Patriotic Purposes:				
Memorial Day and other Celebra- tions	50.00	50.00		
Public Service Enterprises:				
Cemeteries	100.00	100.00		
Taxes bought	70.77			70.77
INTEREST:				
On Temporary Loans	50.14	15.00		35.14
OUTLAY FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND PERMANENT IMPROVE- MENTS:				
Highways and Bridges:				
Town Construction:				
State's Construction	447.06	465.00	17.94	
Town's Contribution	467.59	465.00		2.59
INDEBTEDNESS:				
Payment on Principal of Debt:				
(b) Long Term Notes	1,500.00	300.00		1,200.00
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS:				
State Taxes	349.98	349.98		
County Taxes	597.52	597.52		
Payments to School Districts	3,200.00	3,200.00		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	\$14,736.81	\$12,899.00	\$749.08	\$2,585.69

VALUATION OF THE TOWN APRIL 1, 1926

Land and buildings.....	\$299,555.00
69 Horses.....	6,840.00
88 Cows.....	4,970.00
7 Other Neat Stock.....	255.00
5 Hogs.....	150.00
729 Fowls.....	729.00
7 Fur Bearing Animals.....	700.00
1 Portable Mill.....	300.00
Wood and Lumber.....	4,450.00
Gasoline Tank.....	50.00
Stock in trade.....	800.00
Total.....	\$318,799.00
Soldiers' exemption.....	6,200.00
	\$312,599.00

APPROPRIATIONS

State Tax.....	\$795.00
County Tax.....	597.52
Highways and Bridges.....	2,000.00
Town Charges.....	1,500.00
State Aid Construction.....	466.50
State Aid Maintenance.....	600.00
Memorial.....	50.00
Cemeteries.....	100.00
School District.....	3,100.00
Libraries.....	35.00
	\$9,244.02

Polls 135 at \$2, \$270

Tax committed to collector \$9,104.83

Rate \$2.82

LIABILITIES

Soldiers monument.....	\$100.00
Hearse Appropriation.....	30.00
Cemeteries Appropriation.....	80.00
Due School District.....	986.22
In State treasury, joint Highway Account....	491.03
State Aid Balance.....	252.26
Due from Dog Licenses.....	109.25
Highway Department.....	126.80
Note at Townsend National Bank.....	300.00
	\$2,475.56

ASSETS

Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1927.....	\$725 06
In State Treasury, joint Highway Account...	491.03
Due from Collector, 1926.....	669.20
	\$1,885.29
Excess of Liabilities over Assets.....	\$590.27

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue

From local taxes:

Property and poll taxes, current year.....	\$8,159.95
1924.....	95.43
1925.....	665.06

From State:

Railroad tax.....Credit	\$297.38
Savings Bank tax.....Credit	147.64
State Treasurer, Interest and Dividend.....	150.63
Special State Aid, Class 5 Roads.....	1,748.85
State Aid Construction.....	447.06
State Aid Maintenance.....	745.16

From local sources except taxes:

Boynton Fund.....	\$556.25
Stearns Common School Bequest.....	429.66
Auto Permits.....	166.01
Rent of Hall.....	55.00
Dog Licenses.....	109.25
Bounties.....	65.20
Received from tax sale.....	76.26
Notes Townsend National Bank.....	1,300.00
Balance on hand at beginning of year.....	725.06

\$15,494.83

EXPENDITURES

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

After Settlement 1925

Edgar S. Kennedy.....	\$36.00
Stanley A. Flagg.....	22.40
Ellery F. Reed.....	31.50

1926 Town Officers' Salaries

Edgar S. Kennedy, Selectman.....	\$93.90
Stanley A. Flagg, Selectman.....	75.75
Ellery F. Reed, Selectman.....	82.35
Frank B. Farwell, Treasurer.....	50.00
Frank B. Farwell, Clerk.....	50.00
John T. Smith, Auditor.....	8.00
Albert E. Eaton, Tax Collector 1924-1925....	200.00
Frank B. Farwell, Auto Permits.....	15.50
Frank B. Farwell, Budget Committee.....	3.50
John T. Smith, Budget Committee.....	3.50
Charles R. Farwell, Budget Committee.....	3.50
Albert B. Eaton, Treasurer Stearns Bequest...	2.00
Alexander McLean, Treasurer Boynton Fund	4.00
Doris M. Flagg, Librarian.....	50.00

 \$731.90

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Mason Village Bank Box rent.....	\$5.00
Edson C. Eastman Co., stationery.....	5.99
Albert B. Eaton, Tax Bills, Cash Book and stationery.....	15.05

Henry P. Gainey, town bonds.....	17.00
Transcript Printing Co., printing reports.....	109.50
Edgar S. Kennedy, telephone and postage....	12.14
Frank B. Farwell, registration and postage..	4.83
Edgar S. Kennedy, posting placards.....	2.50
Edgar S. Kennedy, time and expense to Manchester.....	8.00
Stanley A. Flagg, time and expense to Manchester.....	8.00
Ellery F. Reed, time and expense to Manchester.....	8.00
Edgar S. Kennedy, team expense.....	7.00
Stanley A. Flagg, team expense.....	7.00
Ellery F. Reed, team expense.....	2.00
	\$212.01

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Samuel H. Davis, supervisor.....	\$15.60
Charles R. Farwell, supervisor.....	18.50
Guy F. Washburn, ballot clerk.....	7.20
Ernest Barnes, ballot clerk.....	3.60
Frank B. Farwell, registration.....	7.10
Edgar S. Kennedy, registration.....	7.20
Stanley A. Flagg, registration.....	7.20
Ellery F. Reed, registration.....	7.20
	\$74.60

GENERAL EXPENSES OF DEPARTMENT

H. M. Leonard, blasting.....	\$2.40
E. S. Kennedy, labor with men setting guide posts.....	40.45
J. T. Smith, printing signs.....	74.20
E. S. Kennedy, erecting signs.....	8.00
E. S. Kennedy, paid C. S. Bourgeois paint and lag screws.....	6.07
Damon & Richardson, posts and lumber.....	86.70
E. S. Kennedy, paid C. S. Bourgeois, supplies.....	5.25
E. S. Kennedy, paid C. S. Bourgeois, picks...	6.75
E. S. Kennedy, paid H. H. Churchill, pick handles and rake.....	2.15
J. T. Smith, making and painting 14 signs....	23.60
F. B. Farwell, cleaning around Hall.....	2.00
John Beck, teaming wood.....	8.00
	\$265.57

CARE OF TOWN HALL AND SUPPLIES

J. W. Wharff, care of Hall.....	\$50.04
J. W. Wharff, putting wood in shed.....	1.00
C. G. Wharff, sawing wood.....	1.50
W. I. Heald, wood.....	27.50
C. L. Barnes, wood.....	10.00
E. S. Kennedy, repairs on Hall.....	7.60
J. Oten, repairs on Hall.....	7.60
L. R. Willard, painting hall.....	375.00
F. B. Farwell, cleaning vault.....	2.00
S. A. Flagg, labor on Hall.....	3.60
E. F. Reed, sawing wood.....	2.00
Lemay Furniture Co., curtains for Hall.....	28.00
Jennie M. Chesborough, cleaning hall.....	6.80
A. D. Flitner, wood.....	9.50

Tilo Roofing Co.....	382.20
Greenville Electric Lighting Co., hall and street lights.....	140.23
	\$1,054.57

WINTER ROADS

Charles L. Barnes.....	\$223.80
Fred L. Brown.....	122.29
Guy F. Washburn.....	166.40
Harold C. Miller.....	27.60
P. H. Tighe.....	66.65
James E. Wilson.....	2.00
	\$608.74

FIRE DEPARTMENT

H. H. Churchill, fillers for extinguishers.....	\$16.20
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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

C. L. Barnes.....	\$1,228.61
Fred L. Brown.....	1,176.57
H. Miller.....	1,216.85
Matti Munhanen	30.00
Guy Washburn.....	15.60
	\$3,667.63

POLICE

Stanley A. Flagg, constable.....	\$14.00
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STATE AID MAINTENANCE

	State	Town	Total
1925 balance.....	\$136.24	\$68.12	\$204.36
Appropriation.....	1,200.00	600.00	1,800.00
Expended by State:			
Culverts, engineer and inspection.....	113.55		
Total expenditures.....	113.55	1,174.52	
Balance for 1927.....	477.53	238.76	
Share of expenditures..	858.71	429.36	

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

1925 balance.....	\$8.96	14.59	23.35
Appropriation.....	466.00	466.50	932.50
Expended by State for engineering and in- spection.....	14.20		
Total expenditures.....	14.20	914.65	
Balance for 1927.....	13.50	13.50	
Share of expenditures..	461.26	467.59	

C. L. BARNES, ROAD ACCOUNT

April Account

C. L. Barnes, labor 5 days at \$3.60.....	\$18.00
Ernest Barnes, labor 4 days at \$3.60.....	14.40
J. T. Smith, labor 4½ days at \$3.60.....	16.20
Charles Emerson, labor 5 days at \$3.60.....	18.00
John Beck, labor 3½ days at \$3.60.....	12.60
Ralph Emerson, labor 3½ days at \$3.60.....	12.60
Paul Berry, labor ¾ day at \$3.60.....	2.70

John Beck, team 5 days at \$7.00.....	35.00
R. S. Gailey, team 3½ days at \$7.00.....	24.50
	\$154.00

May Account

John Beck, labor ½ day at \$3.60.....	\$1.80
C. L. Barnes, labor 11 days at \$3.60.....	39.60
James Oten, labor 5 days at \$3.60.....	18.00
Charles Emerson, labor 10 days at \$3.60.....	36.00
Ernest Barnes, labor 7 days at \$3.60.....	25.20
Ralph Emerson, labor 9 days at \$3.60.....	32.40
J. T. Smith, labor 7 days at \$3.60.....	25.20
Harry Foster, labor 6 days at \$3.60.....	21.60
John Beck, team 11 days at \$7.00.....	77.00
R. S. Gailey, team 6 days at \$7.00.....	42.00
Orrion Burgess, labor 1 day at \$3.60.....	3.60
	\$322.40

June Account

C. L. Barnes, labor 10 days at \$3.60.....	\$36.00
J. B. Tarbell, labor 1 day at \$3.60.....	3.60
Ernest Barnes, labor 8 days at \$3.60.....	28.80
William Pelletier, labor 7½ days at \$3.60.....	27.00
Harry Foster, labor 5½ days at \$3.60.....	19.80
John Beck, labor 4 days at \$3.60.....	14.40
J. T. Smith, labor 4 days at \$3.60.....	14.40
John Beck, Jr., team 5 days at \$7.00.....	35.00
R. S. Gailey, team 4 days at \$7.00.....	28.00
Ernest Barnes, team 1 day.....	7.00
	\$214.00

July Account

William Pelletier, labor 7 days at \$3.60.....	\$25.20
C. L. Barnes labor 7 days at \$3.60.....	25.20
Ernest Barnes, labor 7 days at \$3.60.....	25.20
Harry Foster, labor 7½ days at \$3.60.....	27.00
J. B. Tarbell, labor 6 days at \$3.60.....	21.60
John Smith, labor 4½ days at \$3.60.....	16.20
John Beck, labor 3½ days at \$3.60.....	12.60
R. S. Gailey, team 7 days at \$7.00.....	49.00
John Beck, Jr., team 7 days at \$7.00.....	49.00
Repair of chain with oil.....	1.00
	\$252.00

August Account

J. B. Tarbell, labor 5½ days at \$3.60.....	\$19.80
C. L. Barnes, labor 3 days at \$3.60.....	10.80
	\$30.60
To 48 feet of 10 inch Chestnut.....	51.80
	\$82.40

September Account

R. S. Gailey, team 3 days at \$7.00.....	\$21.00
J. T. Smith, labor 2 days at \$3.60.....	7.20
C. L. Barnes, labor 2 days at \$3.60.....	7.20
	\$35.40
Plank for bridge.....	17.75
	\$53.15

November Account

R. S. Gailey, team 4 days at \$7.00.....	\$28.00
C. L. Barnes, labor 4 days at \$3.60.....	14.40
J. T. Smith, labor 4 days at \$3.60.....	14.40
William Mason, drilling and blasting.....	70.42
White Mountain Freezer Co.:	
441 ft. lumber for bridge.....	15.44
Time and expense to Manchester.....	8.00
	\$150.66

FRED BROWN, ROAD ACCOUNT

April Account

Fred L. Brown, team 4 days at \$7.00.....	\$28.00
Fred L. Brown, labor 1 days at \$3.60.....	3.60
Wm. Moore, labor 4 days at \$3.60.....	14.40
Konsta Oikelmus, labor 1 day at \$3.60.....	3.60
	\$49.60

June Account

Fred L. Brown, team 15 days 4 hours at \$7.00	\$108.12
Wm. Everett, labor 11 days 4 hours at \$3.60..	41.20
Lucius Elliott, labor 4 days at \$3.60.....	14.40
Konsta Oikelmus, labor 12 days 7 hours at \$3.60	46.00
	\$209.72

July Account

Wm. Everett, labor 1 day 4 hours at \$3.60....	\$5.20
Konsta Oikelmus, labor 4 days at \$3.60.....	14.40
Fred L. Brown, team 5 days at \$7.00.....	35.00
Fred L. Brown, labor 6 days at \$3.60.....	21.60
	\$76.20

November Account

Fred Brown, team 5 days at \$7.00.....	\$35.00
Fred Brown, labor 5 days 5 hours at \$3.60....	20.00
Wm. Everett, labor 3 days at \$3.60.....	10.80
Konsta Oikelmus, labor, 2 days at \$3.60.....	7.20
	\$73.00

September Account

Fred L. Brown, team 6 days 5 hours at \$7.00..	\$45.90
Fred L. Brown, labor 2 days at \$3.60.....	7.20
Konsta Oikelmus, labor 6 days 5 hours at \$3.60	23.60
Wm. Everett, labor 1 day at \$3.60	3.60
William O. Mason, blasting at \$2.50	110.00
William O. Mason, 50 ft. fuse 1 box caps 7½	
lbs. dynamite.....	5.43
Wm. O. Mason, caps and dynamite.....	21.00
Wm. O. Mason, 120 caps.....	7.50
Wm. O. Mason, sharpening 41 drills.....	16.40
William O. Mason, 30 gal. gas and oil.....	6.90
William O. Mason, gas and oil.....	1.80
	\$249.33

August Account

Wm. Everett, labor 14 days 4 hours at \$3.60	\$52.00
Konsta Oikelmus, labor 5 days 3 hours at \$3.60	19.20
Fred L. Brown, team 12 days at \$7.00.....	87.12
Fred L. Brown, labor 2 days at \$3.60.....	7.20
	\$165.52

September Account

Fred L. Brown, team 12 days 5 hours at \$7.00	\$87.90
Konsta Oikelmus, labor 14 days 7 hours at \$3.60	42.40
Wm. Everett, labor 9 days at \$3.60.....	32.40
Fred L. Brown, labor 1 day 7 hours at \$3.60..	6.40
	\$170.10

REPORT OF HAROLD C. MILLER

May

H. Miller, trip to Manchester.....	\$8.00
J. Oten, labor 6 hours at 40c	2.40
H. Miller, team 13 days at \$7.00.....	91.00
H. Miller, labor, 2 days at \$3.60.....	7.20
L. Dunham, labor 3 days at \$3.60.....	10.80
J. Oten, labor 15 days at \$3.60	54.00
G. Washburn, team 8 days at \$7.00.....	56.00
G. Washburn, labor 3 days at \$3.60.....	10.80
L. Livingston, labor 6 days at \$3.60.....	21.60
J. Ferrin, labor 6 days at \$3.60.....	21.60
H. Foster, labor 2 days at \$3.60.....	7.20
J. Beck, team 2 days at \$7.00.....	14.00
J. Beck, labor, 1 day at \$3.60.....	3.60
	\$308.20

June

H. Miller, team, 8 days at \$7.00.....	\$56.00
L. Elliott, labor 7 days at \$3.60.....	25.20
J. Beck, labor, 3 days at \$3.60.....	10.80
G. Washburn, team, 4 days at \$7.00.....	28.00

G. Marceau, labor 5 days at \$3.60.....	18.00
L. Marceau, labor 5 days at \$3.60.....	18.00
J. Wiik, labor 4 days at \$3.60.....	14.40
J. Bell, labor 3 days at \$3.60.....	10.80
	\$181.20

July

H. Miller, team, 6 days at \$7.00.....	\$42.00
G. Washburn, team, 6 days at \$7.00.....	42.00
J. Oten, labor 6 days at \$3.60	21.60
J. Wiik, labor, 4 days at \$3.60.....	14.40
G. Marceau, labor 3 days at \$3.60.....	10.80
F. Farwell, labor 1 day at \$3.60.....	3.60
G. Beckwith, labor 2 days at \$3.60.....	7.20
W. Pelletier, labor 2 days at \$3.60.....	7.20
	\$148.80

August

F. Farwell, labor 8 hrs. at 40c.....	\$3.20
R. Kilbourn, cartage of pole.....	1.50
W. I. Whitlock, pole \$4, repair of drag \$4, sharpening picks \$1.....	9.00
H. Miller, team 3 days at \$7.00.....	21.00
H. Miller, labor 3 days at \$3.60.....	10.80
W. Pelletier, labor 5 days at \$3.60.....	18.00
J. Oten, labor 6 days at \$3.60.....	21.00
G. Washburn, labor 7 hours at 40c.....	2.80
	\$87.30

September

H. Miller, team 7 days 5 hours at \$7.00.....	\$52.90
H. Miller, labor 1 day at \$3.60.....	3.60
Two shovels at \$1.50.....	3.00

E. Whitaker, team 5 days, 5 hours at \$7.00	38.90
L. Elliott, labor 6 days 5 hrs. at \$3.60	23.60
J. Oten, labor 5 days 5 hours at \$3.60	20.00
H. Creighton, labor 4 days 5 hours at \$3.60	16.40
W. Creighton, labor 4 days 4 hours at \$3.60	16.00
J. Wiik, labor 4 days at \$3.60	14.40
H. Erickson, labor 3 days at \$3.60	10.80
W. Erickson, labor 3 days at \$3.60	10.80
A. Helsten, labor 2½ hours at 40c	1.00
E. Whitaker, 70 loads gravel at 10c	7.00
	\$218.40

November

H. Miller, team 4 days 4 hours at \$7.00	\$31.14
H. Miller, labor 2 days ½ hour at \$3.60	7.40
H. Creighton, labor 9 days at \$3.60	32.40
H. Herrick, labor 8 days 5 hours at \$3.60	30.80
W. Mason, drilling and blasting	127.41
	\$229.15
Total	\$1,216.85

BOUNTIES

Frank B. Farwell	\$2.20
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TOWN CHARGE

T. H. Rhoades, wood	~~\$20.00~~
	24.23

LIBRARY APPROPRIATION

Paid—

Harriet E. Whitaker	\$35.00
J. W. Wharff, janitor, 1925 and 1926	10.00

EDUCATION

Tracy A. Eaton, District Treasurer.....	\$500.00
Rose S. Eaton, District Treasurer.....	2,700.00
	\$3,200.00

TEMPORARY LOANS

Paid Townsend National Bank Notes.....	\$512.64
and interest.....	25.42
	1,012.08
	\$1,550.14

TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN

Paid A. B. Eaton.....	\$70.77
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STATE AND COUNTY TAX

State tax.....	\$795.00
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Received from State, Railroad and Bank Tax.....Credit	\$445.02
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Paid—	
State Treasurer, balance State tax.....	\$349.98
County Treasurer, County Tax.....	597.52
	\$947.50

CEMETERY APPROPRIATION

Albert B. Eaton.....	\$100.00
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MEMORIAL APPROPRIATION

Ellery F. Reed.....	\$50.00
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

E. S. Kennedy.....	\$10.00
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VITAL STATISTICS

Frank B. Farwell.....	\$1.65
Richard Ely, birth.....	.25
Henry B. Boynton, birth.....	.25
	\$2.15

RECAPITULATION

Town officers' salaries.....	\$731.90
Town officers' expenses.....	212.01
Election and registration.....	74.60
General expenses of department.....	265.57
Highway department.....	3,667.63
Winter roads.....	608.74
Fire department.....	16.20
Town Charge, Rhoades, wood.....	24.23
Education.....	3,200.00
Library.....	45.00
Cemeteries.....	100.00
Notes and interest at Townsend National Bank	1,550.14
State and County Taxes.....	947.50
Bounties.....	2.20
Vital Statistics.....	2.15
Health department.....	10.00
State Aid Construction.....	914.65
State Aid Maintenance.....	1,174.95
Police department, 1925 and 1926.....	14.00
Memorial.....	50.00
Taxes bought by town.....	70.77
Care of Town Hall and supplies.....	1,054.57
	\$14,736.81

Respectfully submitted,
 EDGAR F. KENNEDY
 STANLEY A. FLAGG
 ELLERY F. REED

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand at beginning of year.....	\$725.06
Received from—	
A. B. Eaton	
1924 tax.....	95.43
1925 tax.....	665.06
1926 tax.....	8,159.95
State Tax Dividend	150.63
State Aid Maintenance.....	745.16
State Aid Construction.....	447.06
Special Class 5 from State.....	1,748.85
Local sources except from taxes:	
Boynton Common School fund.....	556.25
Stearns Common School Bequest.....	429.66
Auto permits.....	166.01
Dog licenses	109.25
Bounties.....	65.20
Notes on Townsend National Bank.....	1,300.00
Rent of Hall.....	55.00
Tax sale.....	76.26
	\$15,499.83
Selectmen's orders.....	14,736.81
Balance on hand.....	\$758.02

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK B. FARWELL, *Town Treasurer*

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, and Tax Collector and find them correctly cast with proper vouchers.

JOHN T. SMITH

Auditor

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOYNTON COMMON SCHOOL FUND

Interest on U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	\$106.25
Interest on Iowa Light, Heat and Power Bonds	200.00
Interest on Dubuque Electric Co. bonds.....	240.00
Interest on Municipal Service Co. Bonds.....	10.00
Total for support of schools.....	\$556.25
Paid Town Treasurer.....	\$556.25

The Fund is invested as follows:

U. S. Liberty bonds.....	\$2,500.00
Iowa Light, Heat and Power bonds.....	4,000.00
Dubuque Electric Co. bonds.....	4,000.00
Municipal Service Co. bonds.....	200.00
In Mason Village Savings Bank.....	44.64
	\$10,744.64

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER McLEAN

Treasurer

CHARLES R. FARWELL

ALEXANDER McLEAN

TRACY A. EATON

JAMES O. REED

EVERETT H. WHITAKER

Trustees

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE STEARNS COMMON SCHOOL BEQUEST

INCOME RECEIVED

Interest on Laconia Gas and Electric Bonds...	\$150.00
Interest on Ashuelot Gas and Electric Bonds..	25.00
Interest on Keene Gas and Electric Bonds....	100.00
Interest on U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	25.50
Interest on Municipal Service Bonds.....	5.00
Interest on Virginia Pub. Service Bonds.....	137.50
	\$443.00

PAYMENTS

Baker, Young & Company, accrued interest ..	\$13.34
Frank B. Farwell.....	429.66
	\$443.00

The Bequest is invested as follows:

U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	\$600.00
Municipal Service Bonds.....	100.00
Virginia Pub. Service Bonds.....	5,000.00
Republic Service Corp. Bonds.....	5,000.00
Mortgage on land in Greenville.....	325.00
In Mason Village Savings Bank.....	242.24
	\$11,267.24

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT B. EATON

Treasurer

JAMES O. REED

ALBERT B. EATON

JOHN T. SMITH

Trustees

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

INCOME RECEIVED

Interest on U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	\$12.75	
Municipal Service Bonds.....	10.00	
Charles Elliot lot in cemetery.....	2.00	
Clark Drew, 2 lots in cemetery.....	10.00	
Town appropriation.....	100.00	
		\$134.75

PAYMENTS

F. B. Farwell, labor.....	\$66.00	
A. B. Eaton, labor and team.....	35.00	
C. G. Wharff, labor.....	8.80	
John Beck, labor.....	5.00	
A. B. Eaton, cash paid for tools	8.00	
		\$122.80
Balance on hand Jan, 31, 1927.....		\$11.95

PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

Dunster Fund.....	\$100.00	
Veron Eaton Fund.....	100.00	
William A. Adams Fund.....	100.00	
Rhoda Barrett Fund.....	200.00	
James March Fund.....	50.00	
Al Richards Fund.....	50.00	
Joseph A. Morse Fund.....	200.00	
Levi Mitchell Fund.....	100.00	
William Campbell Fund.....	200.00	
		\$11,000.00

Invested as follows:

U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	\$300.00	
Municipal Service Bonds.....	500.00	
Mason Village Savings Bank.....	357.22	
		\$1,157.22

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT B. EATON

Treasurer

STANLEY A. FLAGG

FRANK B. FARWELL

ALBERT B. EATON

Trustees

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF MASON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Cash on hand February 1, 1926.....	\$2.89
Received from:	
Town.....	90.00
Fines.....	.82
For lost book.....	.60
	\$94.31

Paid:	
Mrs. Doris Flagg for book-plates and postage	\$2.44
Nichols & Frost, Inc., books	7.20
Library Book House, books.....	15.79
H. E. Whitaker, advanced on magazines for 1926.....	6.00
Flora Kimball magazines.....	6.00
Salary of librarian	50.00
Janitor service.....	5.00
Amount on hand February 1, 1927.....	1.88
	\$94.31

Respectfully submitted,
MYRTIE B. ADAMS
ALICE S. BERRY
HARRIET E. WHITAKER

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Mason,
qualified to vote in District Affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said district on the eighth day of March, 1927, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.
9. To see if the district will authorize its School Board to enter into a contract with Ashby and Townsend, Mass., for High School tuition.

Given under our hands at said Mason this eighteenth day of February 1927.

HARRIET E. WHITAKER,
ALBERT B. EATON,
JAMES E. WILSON,

School Board

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Fiscal Year July 1, 1925, to June 30, 1926

SALARIES OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board:

Albert B. Eaton	\$25.00
George E. Germer	25.00
Harriet E. Whitaker	25.00
Tracy A. Eaton, Treasurer	25.00
Charles R. Farwell, Auditor	2.00
	\$102.00

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

A. B. Eaton, Treasurer Union District No. 63	\$127.27
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SCHOOL CENSUS

Albert B. Eaton, time on Census	\$5.00
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EXPENSE OF ADMINISTRATION

Henry P. Gainey, Fidelity Bond	\$9.00
A. B. Eaton, Union District Treasurer, Office Expense	49.50
Vernon S. Ames, postage, telephone, repairs and materials furnished	10.93
G. E. Germer, telephone and postage	2.40
H. E. Whitaker telephone and postage	.70
J. L. Hammett Company	.56
Edson C. Eastman, 1m vouchers	12.24
	\$85.33

TEACHERS' SALARIES

Edith M. Forsyth 34 weeks.....	\$900.00
Irene Salminen 2 weeks.....	50.00
Laura V. Leonard 36 weeks.....	900.00
Florence E. Howe, 36 weeks.....	864.00
Harriet Tibbetts, 31 weeks.....	155.00
	\$2,869.00

TEXT BOOKS

E. E. Babb & Co.....	\$68.41
D. Appleton & Co.....	5.87
The John L. Winston Co.....	2.96
Standard Book Co.....	25.28
L. W. Singer Co.....	5.84
Little Brown & Co.....	2.85
	\$111.21

SCHOLARS SUPPLIES

Milton Bradley Co.....	\$0.93
Cho-Seco Ink Pellet Co.....	1.80
E. E. Babb & Co.....	14.66
Ryan Boker Inc.....	44.58
World Book Company.....	5.59
J. L. Hammett Co.....	37.61
Harry Houston.....	.80
Public School Publishing Co.....	2.18
	\$108.15

FLAGS AND APPURTENANCES

H. A. Wales Co.....	\$7.65
G. E. Germer.....	.60
	\$8.25

OTHER EXPENSES OF INSTRUCTION

J. L. Hammett Company.....	\$5.02
Current Events.....	5.95
World Book Company.....	1.82
Public School Publishing Co.....	1.92
Martin Diploma Co.....	6.75
	\$21.46

JANITOR SERVICE

J. W. Wharff.....	\$90.00
Mrs. August Helsten.....	36.00
	\$126.00

FUEL

A. D. Flitner, sawing 10cds wood at \$1.25 per cd., 4 cds. at \$10.00.....	\$52.50
J. W. Wharff packing wood.....	7.50
W. I. Heald, 3 cds. wood.....	16.50
F. L. Brown, drawing wood.....	10.50
C. G. Wharff, sawing wood.....	4.50
August Helsten, 4 cds. wood.....	32.00
P. H. Tigh, 12 cds. wood.....	96.00
John Beck, kindling wood.....	3.00
	\$222.50

WATER AND JANITOR SUPPLIES

Harold C. Copp, 3 brooms.....	\$2.25
Ryan & Buker Inc.....	10.50
Kaustine Co., 8 drums.....	24.00
J. L. Hammett Co.....	15.00
J. W. Wharff, supplies.....	.98
A. B. Eaton, labor.....	3.65

V. S. Ames, 7 gals. oil.....	4.20
E. E. Babb, drinking cups.....	6.34
T. A. Eaton, freight & cartage.....	1.25
L. M. Glover Co., paper towels.....	6.00
	\$74.17

MINOR REPAIRS AND EXPENSES

Mrs. Jennie Chesbrough, cleaning.....	\$11.60
L. W. Bachelder, labor on school house and ma- terials furnished.....	269.86
Webber Lumber Supply Co.....	63.09
C. A. Cloutier, repairs on wagon.....	9.40
Herbert Hodgman, work on school house....	5.85
F. B. Farwell, work on school house.....	9.20
The Prescott Grain Store.....	3.20
Kaustine Co., Inc., pump and rods.....	16.00
A. B. Eaton, labor.....	23.50
Blanchard & Son, 9 yds. auto top.....	9.00
C. S. Bourgeois, paint and supplies.....	57.79
J. L. Hammett Co., liquid slating.....	2.64
C. G. Wharff, repairs.....	4.35
V. S. Ames, repairs.....	3.38
W. E. Foster, repairing rack.....	1.00
E. E. Babb & Co.....	6.15
Mrs. August Helsten, cleaning.....	2.00
J. E. Wilson, 12 lights glass and time.....	2.18
	\$500.19

MEDICAL INSPECTION

B. D. Pease, M. D., inspection of pupils.....	\$25.00
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TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS

A. B. Eaton, 34 1-5 weeks at \$15 per week....	\$513.00
John Kivimaki, 34 weeks at \$15 per week....	510.00
Everett H. Whitaker, 34 1-5 weeks at \$18 per week.....	615.60
	\$1,638.60

HIGH SCHOOL AND ACADEMY TUITION

Town of Ashby, tuition of 2 pupils to Jan., 1926	\$52.50
New Ipswich, Appleton Academy, tuition of 2 pupils.....	140.00
	\$192.50

NEW EQUIPMENT

E. E. Babb & Co., hectograph.....	\$2.50
The Prescott Grain Store, tiling.....	17.25
A. B. Eaton, labor.....	8.70
Emerson & Son, table.....	3.50
J. L. Hammett Co., ½ doz. chairs.....	10.50
	\$42.45

PER CAPITA TAX

A. B. Eaton, treasurer Union District, No. 63	\$166.00
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BILLS FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

J. W. Wharff, janitor supplies.....	\$1.64
Town of Ashby, tuition of 2 pupils.....	150.00
	\$151.64

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL EXPENSES FOR YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 1926

Salaries of District Officers.....	\$102.00
Superintendent's salary.....	127.27
School Census.....	5.00
Expenses of Administration.....	85.33
Teachers' Salaries.....	2,869.00
Text Books.....	111.21
Scholars' Supplies.....	108.15
Other Expenses of Instruction.....	21.46
Janitor Service.....	126.00
Fuel.....	222.50
Water and Janitors' Supplies.....	74.17
Minor Expenses and Repairs.....	500.19
Medical Inspection.....	25.00
Transportation of Pupils.....	1,638.60
High School and Academy Tuition.....	192.50
New Equipment.....	42.45
Per Capita Tax.....	166.00
Bills from Previous Year.....	151.64
Flags and Appurtenances.....	8.25
	\$6,576.72

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. GERMER

HARRIET E. WHITAKER

ALBERT B. EATON

School Board of Mason

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL EXPENSES

From July 1, 1926 to February 1, 1927

Salaries of District Officers.....	\$75.00
Superintendent's Salary.....	128.57
School Census.....	5.00
Expenses of Administration.....	72.51
Teachers' Salaries.....	1,561.81
Text Books.....	58.35
Scholars' Supplies.....	78.96
Other Expenses of Instruction.....	27.50
Janitor Service.....	42.00
Fuel.....	23.00
Water and Janitor Supplies.....	27.20
Minor Repairs and Expenses.....	39.77
Medical Inspection.....	25.00
Transportation of Pupils.....	1,049.90
High School and Academy Tuition.....	150.00
New Equipment.....	9.47
Per Capita Tax.....	126.00
Bill from Previous Year.....	3.00
	\$3,503.04

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Cash on hand July 1, 1925.....	\$293 18
Received from Town Treasurer.....	3,300 00
Townsend National Bank, Interest.....	7 21
School District of New Ipswich, Tuition.....	30 00
School District of Greenville, Tuition.....	81 00
John Kivimaki, book.....	50
State Treasurer, Equalization.....	2,952 93
Total Receipts.....	\$6,664 82
Paid School Board's Orders.....	\$6,576 72
Cash on hand June 30, 1926.....	\$88 10

TRACY A. EATON,
Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mason, N. H., July 12, 1926

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of the School Board and District Treasurer and find them correctly cast with proper vouchers.

CHAS. R. FARWELL
Auditor

BUDGET OF SCHOOL BOARD FOR 1927-1928

Estimated expenditures for the school year beginning July 1, 1927; and recommendations of sums to be assessed for the support of schools, including statutory requirements.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

Teachers' salaries, including music supervisor	\$2,900 00
Text Books	80 00
Scholars' supplies.....	85 00
Flags and appurtenances.....	10 00
Other expenses of instruction.....	25 00
Janitor service.....	126 00
Fuel.....	175 00
Janitors' supplies.....	50 00
Minor repairs and expenses.....	100 00
Medical inspection.....	25 00
Transportation of pupils.....	2,100 00
Total estimated cost of maintaining schools.....	\$5,676 00

ESTIMATED REVENUE

From sources other than taxation:	
State aid.....	\$3,200 00
Dog tax.....	100 00
Income from trust funds.....	1,000 00
	\$4,300 00
Balance	\$1,376 00
A tax of .005 on the equalized valuation is necessary to qualify for state aid, which is.....	\$1,728 17

Additional sums recommended to be
raised by taxation, including
statutory requirements:

For salaries of district officers . . .	\$102 00	
For superintendent's excess salary	130 00	
For truant officer and census . . .	10 00	
For expenses of administration . .	75 00	
For new equipment	50 00	
For per capita tax (statutory) . . .	116 00	
For high school tuitions (statu- tory)	810 00	
		\$1,293 00

Total sum recommended to be raised by taxation		\$3,021 17
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HARRIET E. WHITAKER,

ALBERT B. EATON,

JAMES E. WILSON,

School Board.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Mason:

I submit my fourth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

There has been no change in the teaching force since my last report and very little change in the school enrollment. The statistics following this report as usual, show the figures for comparison with previous years. The percent of attendance for the school year 1925-'26 was practically the same as the state average for that year, and the tardiness was considerably less than the state average. Attendance this year has been still better until the last few weeks. All these conditions make possible a quality of work in the schools that has not always been secured.

SUPERVISION

The statistical report following shows 59 supervisory visits made during the year as compared with 64 the previous year. Not all of the supervisory work is done in actual school room visits but considerable is done by means of standard tests. The results of a series of standard tests and remedial teaching in language errors carried on last year illustrates what we are trying to do by this means. The test was given in October 1925 to all fourth grade children. Specific suggestions were given the teachers for remedial teaching and the test repeated in December. After another period of remedial teaching, a test was given in March and again in May. Following the summer vacation and a period without specific instruction on these particular errors, the test was given again in November 1926. The table below shows the percentage of all the fourth grade children in the district who scored A, B, C, D,

and E. In each test the gain was steady throughout the period of teaching and was permanent as indicated by the test given six months later.

LANGUAGE ERROR TESTS—FOURTH GRADE 1925-'26

Percent scoring:	A	B	C	D	E
October 1925	27	21	26	17	9
December 1925	40	28	20	11	1
March 1926	59	25	10	5	1
May 1926	71	20	7	2	0
November 1926	73	19	5	3	0

MEDICAL INSPECTION

The regular medical inspection by Dr. Pease in October showed the following:

Number of pupils examined	58
Defective Vision	5
Defective Teeth	31
Enlarged Tonsils	5
Malnutrition	1
Cardiac Disease	1
Skin Disease	1
Unvaccinated without proper excuse	7

No report has been made of the number of treatments secured since the previous examination as no provision has been made for follow-up work.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The purpose of the revision of the School Laws in 1919 was to equalize school opportunities. School attendance is only one aspect of this problem but it is an important one. Schools are required to be open at least thirty-six weeks each year and in the school year 1925-'26 no school in the state fell short of this requirement. However, the actual time schools were in session in the 252 cities and towns varied from 328 to 368 half days. Schools were in session 351 or more half

days in 48 cities and towns, but 16 of these have 37 or 38 weeks instead of 36. At the other extreme were 40 towns with from 328 to 340 half days. The remaining 164 towns varied from 341 to 350 half days of school out of a possible 360. The six towns in this Supervisory Union were in this middle group. The average in Mason was 342.

I proposed to the teachers at the opening of schools last fall that all days lost on account of sickness, weather conditions, etc., during this school year should be made up so that we might be sure of at least 350 half days actually in session. In many cases we hope to exceed that number. Some School Boards are now making contracts with their teachers calling for 360 half days with allowance for Teachers' Institutes only. This is one way to increase school opportunities without increasing the cost.

CHARACTER EDUCATION

This section is based on a Chapter in the biennial report of the State Board of Education, just published.

We have read and heard much discussion in the past few years on the prevalence of lawlessness and immorality. This has always been so, for every generation believes that young people are more thoughtless and less law abiding than formerly. So called "crime waves" have swept our country from time to time but there is nothing to indicate that they have affected the young people in any greater proportion than adults. On the other hand it is a matter of record that the number of misdemeanors and petty infractions of the law by children has decreased year by year. Exact comparison is difficult but I am convinced that, if we could make an accurate comparison of the children of today with those of say fifty or one hundred years ago as to their behavior in school, on the street, or elsewhere, such comparison would be very favorable to the present generation.

Professor Bagley of Columbia University has attempted to determine the relative standing of the states of the Union as to morality and has reported the following tests:

1. He finds that in the list of 48 states New Hampshire stands second (being surpassed only by Vermont) in having the smallest proportion of its population committed to the federal penitentiaries.

2. New Hampshire stands first in the list in having the smallest proportion of its resident population committed to state prisons.

3. New Hampshire stands first in the list in having the smallest ratio of homicides to the population.

4. New Hampshire stands third in the list (being surpassed only by New York and Nevada) in having the smallest proportion of drafted soldiers free from social diseases at the time of registration. Many other comparisons might be suggested but so far as I know have not been accurately investigated.

Some people disturbed by what they believe to be an unusual laxity in morals, have insisted that the remedy lies in the introduction of religion into the schools. There has never been a law in New Hampshire requiring instruction in religion or the use of the Bible in the schools. But by common custom some part of the school day in practically every school in the state has been devoted to exercises of a devotional character, including the use of the great psalms and prayers and daily reading from the Bible. There is no doubt that these exercises are valuable in the development of character and they should be continued as one of the means by which the schools can encourage good behavior, but we must always guard against the use of any material that favors any one religious belief or creed above another.

As a matter of fact an increasing amount of attention is given in our public schools to definite instruction in the civic and personal virtues. Many outlines have been prepared and used for this purpose, and a new and more comprehensive program in character education has just been prepared by a committee of experienced public school teachers in this state, which is about to be placed in the hands of the teachers.

However effectively the principles of character may be imparted by direct instruction we recognize that much, if not

more, depends upon the children's conscious or unconscious imitation of parents, teachers and associates. In the selection of teachers high moral character is a prime consideration. No teacher can be certified to teach in New Hampshire until her character is vouched for by dependable people, and her certificate may be cancelled at any time for immorality.

"Character depends upon ideals, but in its expression it is shown by daily reactions and habits. Our schools inculcate character by daily routine and effective administration, by insistence on regular and punctual attendance, upon diligence and an attitude of respect, by arithmetic and history, and organized play in which the teachers and pupils work together."

FINANCES

The Budget does not differ materially from the budgets in the last two years, except that the amount of state aid has increased. For the next fiscal year we shall receive in the neighborhood of \$3200 state aid, and this with other income reduces the amount that would be called for by taxation to \$1376. But the first requirement to secure state aid is that the district raise a tax of five dollars per thousand dollars of the equalized valuation which amounts to \$1728.17, approximately \$350.00 more than the budget shows to be needed. The explanation is that the state aid allotted in any year is based upon the expenditures of the preceding year. Any balance of state aid money not used is held to the credit of the State Board and deducted from the allotment the following year.

The only material change in "additional sums and statutory requirements" is in the amount required for high school tuitions. Practically all of the pupils who will complete the eighth grade in June plan to attend high school next year. Some will wish to attend high school in Ashby and others in Townsend. As was the case last year, it is necessary that the School Board be authorized by vote of the district to make contracts with Ashby and Townsend for this purpose.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The only recommendations I have to offer are that the Primary Room at the Centre School be equipped with blackboard like that placed in the Grammar Room this year, and that if possible the interior of the Number Six School be repainted.

In closing I wish to express appreciation of the loyal co-operation and support of the teachers, members of the School Board, and citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

VERNON S. AMES,

Superintendent.

Wilton, N. H. February 10, 1927.

STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 1926

Census:

No. Boys 5-16,	32	Girls	23	Total	55
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Attending School:

Boys	31	Girls	33	Total	64
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Enrollment by Grades:

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	3	5	5	3					16
Grammar					7	5	5	5	22
Number Six	5	3	4	5	2	1	5	1	26
									64

Attendance:

SCHOOL	Average Member- ship	Average Attend- ance	Per cent. of Attend- ance	Tardinesses Total	Per Pupil
Primary	13.29	12.62	94.95	8	.50
Grammar	19.87	18.56	93.40	32	1.50
Number Six	19.36	18.57	95.91	2	.08
	52.52	49.75	94.73	42	.66
Average for state 1925-'26			94.63		1.18

Visits:

By School Board Members	4
By Superintendent	59
By Citizens	28

STATISTICS FOR FIRST 16 WEEKS OF 1926-1927

Census:

No. Boys 5-16	38	Girls	29	Total	67
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Attending School:

Boys	35	Girls	31	Total	66
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Enrollment by Grades:

<i>School</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	5	4	5	3					17
Grammar					6	6	7	5	24
Number Six	5	3	1	5	4	2	0	5	25
									66

Attendance:

	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance	Tardinesses
Primary	15.63	13.98	89.44	1
Grammar	21.61	20.20	93.47	8
Number Six	23.60	23.18	98.22	4
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ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Three Terms

Dora Wilson
Millicent Livingston

Roland Bell

Two Terms

Nellie Bell
Helen Whittier
Joseph Oikelmus
Irving Spear
Lillian Oikelmus

Vieno Raitanen
Earl Brown
Anna Oikelmus
Helen Nelson

One Term

Lorin Brown
Agnes Brown
Charlie Butler
Conray Wharff
Harriet Wharff
Eino Helstein

Toivo Kivimaki
Beatrice Beck
Ernest Oten
Elvi Sneek
Bertha Helstein
Ailie Turpeinen

Lauri Wiik

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

Registered in Town of Mason Year Ending

December 31, 1926

Date 1926	Name of Child	Name of Father and Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 31.	Robert;	Fred L. Brown, Emily A. Valshen.
Dec. 4.	Kenneth Paul;	Lester F. Farquhar, Mary Ann Marceau.

MARRIAGES

Registered in Town of Mason Year Ending

December 31, 1926.

Date 1926	Name of Parties, and Name of Person Performing Ceremony
Sept. 12.	Louis M. Smith and Doris Esterbrooks, by Rev. LeRoy Strugbelluese.
June 2.	Oscar E. Livingston and Dorothy S. Osgood, by Rev. James T. Berry.
June 26.	Laurie J. Kinamaki and Martha J. Tastula, by Rev. Matti Anttanen.

DEATHS

Registered in Town of Mason Year Ending
December 31, 1926

1926

- Feb. 11. Mary Crane, 83 years, 11 months.
Mar. 22. Martha M. Merriam, 66 years, 4 months, 17 days.

Brought to Town for Burial

1926

- Jan. 2. Edith T. Whitaker, 55 years, 9 months, 8 days.
Greenville, N. H.
Mar. 27. Isabelle Elliott, 67 years, 7 months, 17 days,
Brookline, N. H.
April 30. Mary E. Hannah, 66 years, Pepperell, Mass.
May 6. Clarke E. Drew, 53 years, 9 months, 24 days,
Brockton, Mass.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK B. FARWELL

Town Clerk

